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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF NANA ABROKWA GYAMPIN II

REF: ACCRA 4467 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN INFORMATION COPY OF A LETTER DATED JUNE 1 FROM REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT F. DRINAN TO AMBASSADOR QUAISON-SACKEY ON NANA ABROKWA GYAMPIN II, A GHANAIAN CITIZEN FROM THE KOTOKU REGION. RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: MR. GYAMIN WAS ARRESTED ON MAY 9, 1977, AND HIS ARREST WAS CONFIRMED BY THE AUTHORITIES ON MAY 19. SINCE THAT TIME, MR. GYAMPIN HAS BEEN HELD IN DETENTION WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGE OR TRIAL.

THE FAMILY OF NANA ABROKWA GYAMPIN IS UNDERSTANDABLY MOST CONCERNED OVER HIS HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. IN THE INTEREST OF PROVIDING THEM WITH INFORMATION AND IN KEEPING WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS, I RESPECT-
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FULLY URGE YOU TO ASK THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ME WITH ALL THE PERTINENT DETAILS, INCLUDING THE PLACE OF DETENTION, THE CHARGES (IF ANY), AND THE DATE UPON WHICH A TRIAL CAN BE EXPECTED. I ALSO

REQUEST THAT MR. GYAMPIN'S FAMILY AND HIS ATTORNEY BE PERMITTED TO CONTACT HIM IMMEDIATELY. UNQUOTE.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THIS IS SECOND CONGRESSIONAL
ON GYAMPIN (REF), WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILED RESPONSE
ON HIS STATUS ASAP.

3. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

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